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Commissioner Victoria Sheehan
NH Department of Transportation
PO Box 483
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Dear Commissioner Sheehan,

The traffic situation on Route 302 in Bartlett, specifically at the Attitash Ski Area has reached an untenable limit. Due to the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and sometimes other local police departments (not Bartlett) stopping traffic to allow one or a few people and or cars to enter or cross the highway. Traffic has on more than one occasion this winter been backed up from 1 – 2 miles. This is unacceptable. If Attitash has a problem getting people to their facility they need to deal with it without creating a traffic nightmare on a well traveled state highway. This is also creating a safety issue with fire and rescue personnel when there is an emergency call.

If this is allowed to continue, at a minimum the traffic control officer, sheriff or otherwise, should be instructed that traffic needs to be kept flowing and not stop traffic every time one person or car needs to enter or cross the roadway.

At the east side of the property people should be directed and required to use the tunnel installed for just this purpose. At the western end more attention needs to be paid to keeping traffic moving. The focus of the detail should be to keep traffic moving safely, not accommodating Attitash patrons. Additionally, we seem to remember that a second tunnel was proposed at the west end, but never installed. Now is the time.

Please look at this issue ASAP and give us a report.

Sincerely,

Gene G. Chandler

Vicki L. Garland

August D. Vincent

Board of Selectmen

cc: Commissioner Quinn, Dept of Safety
Carroll County Sheriff Richardi
Councilor Joseph D. Kenney
Senator Jeb Bradley